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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Addendum to "Mexican Student Crisis,"
4 October 1968

SUMMARY

There is no hard evidence that either the Cuban or Soviet embassies in Mexico City masterminded the current disturbances despite repeated allegations to that effect by the Mexican Government. We have unconfirmed reports that they have given moral and possibly some financial assistance, however, and there is evidence that many known Mexican Communists have openly participated in the riots.

1. Despite the participation of many Communist groups in the disorders, [redacted] has no firm evidence that the Communists instigated the present crisis. As in other countries, the extremists have capitalized on the disorders and members of the Mexican Communist Party (PCM), the Communist Youth (JCM), the Communist-oriented National Democratic Students' Central (CNED), and the Trotskyist and Castroite groups have all participated in varying ways.

2. The PCM has gone on record as endorsing the student demands, but party leaders have privately stated that none of their principal functionaries should become directly involved in the violence. Known Communist students are associated with the National Strike Council and other organizations that have arisen during the disturbances, as are Trotskyists and members of the other Communist groups. The JCM has also instructed representatives to state organizations to participate in any local student activities in support of the Mexico City protests.

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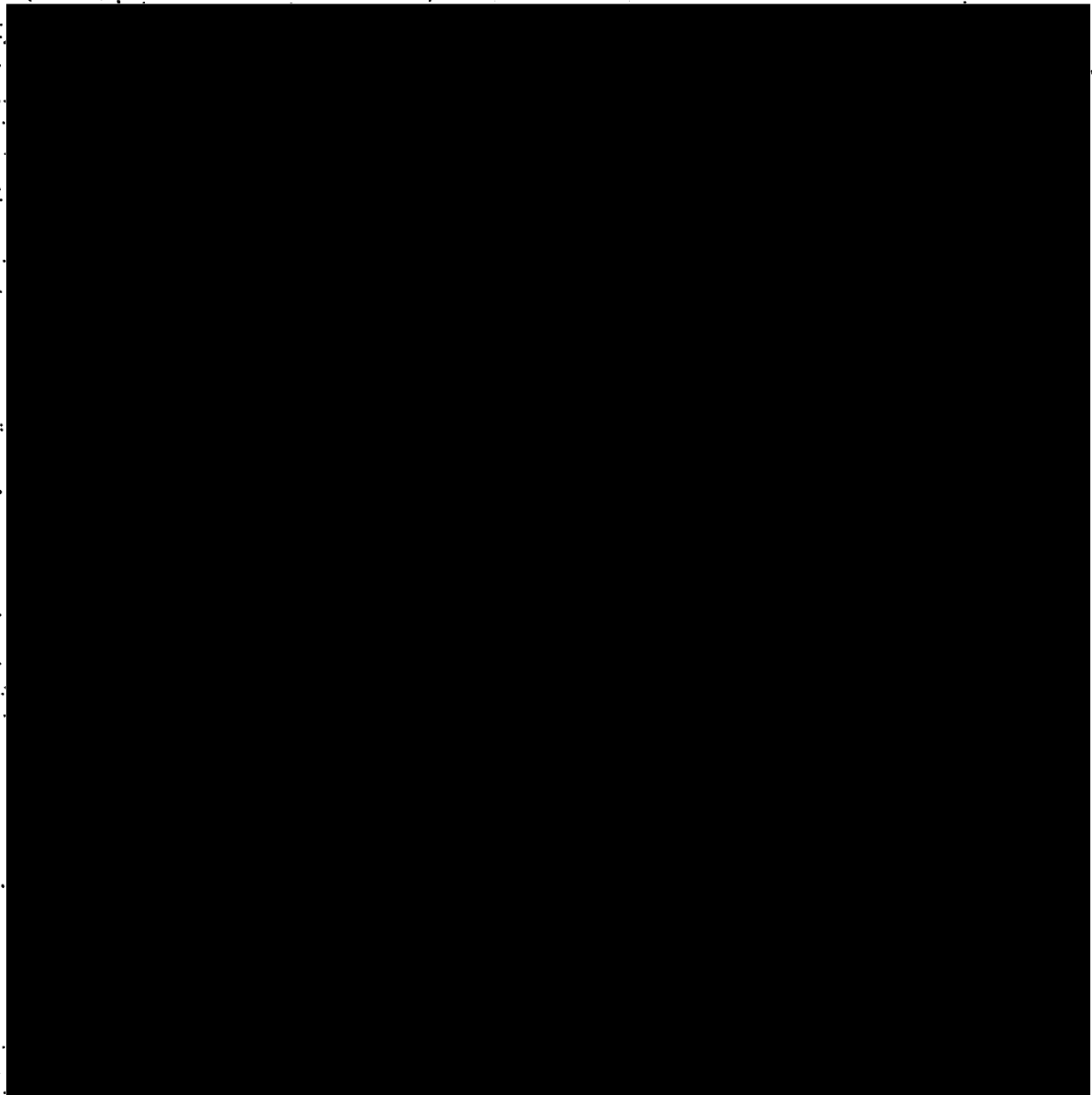
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6. The strongest circumstantial evidence that the students have received financial aid during the disturbances is the appearance of extensive ads in Mexico City dailies,

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which would cost many thousands of dollars. Funds could easily come from domestic opponents of the Diaz Ordaz government, however, in view of the disgruntlement of some former officials in both party and government who have fallen from favor. The students similarly would have little difficulty in obtaining their weapons stocks from ample domestic sources.

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